

Union Leaders Issue Rail Strike Statement

OTTAWA, Aug. 28—(CP)—The Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress in a joint statement last night, said they stand 100 per cent behind the 17 unions involved in the present railway strike.

The statement was issued by Percy R. Bengough, president of the T.L.C., and Pat Conroy, secretary-treasurer of the C.C.L., who said they spoke on behalf of "almost 1,000,000 Canadian workers." They charged that Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways, was acting as chief spokesman for the Canadian Pacific Railway, the largest privately-owned corporation in Canada, and said that in so doing, Mr. Gordon "now is determined for the sake of his own ambition and in the interest of the C.P.R., to use the Parliament of Canada against Canadian workers and their families."

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These 17 unions, 15 international and two national, served notice on the railways as far back as June 16, 1949, looking to the establishment of the five-day, 40-hour week and wage increases of seven cents per hour.

Negotiations and various proceedings subsequent thereto failed to bring about a settlement. The employees took a strike vote and, pursuant thereto, withdrew from the service legally and peacefully.

Within the past two days and at the instance and request of the Prime Minister, the unions agreed to reopen discussions with the railways.

These have now been terminated without results. During the discussions and in the interests of reaching a settlement and restoring railway operations, the unions made substantial concessions, pointing out that 54 months had already gone by during which the position of the employees continued to deteriorate.

The unions nevertheless modified their demands. They offered to accept a seven-cents-an-hour wage increase as of time 1, 1950, instead of July 6, 1949, and to project the application of the five-day 40-hour week as far ahead as June 1, 1951, and added to that a three-month transition period during which straight time would be payable up to 48 hours per week.

A proposed alternative was that there be a two-year contract with a five-cents-per-hour increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 1950, with a cost-of-living provision effective immediately, under which there would be a one-cent-per-hour increase for each one-point rise in the cost of living index.

All of this went much further than had ever been contemplated by the employees, and gives the railways several months in which to continue to enjoy the returns from the higher freight rates they now have and from the extremely high level of business.

Earnings for the first six months of this year already reflect, a highly satisfactory state of affairs.

From the outset of these proceedings the railways have greatly exaggerated the alleged costs of the employees' request and their impact on the country's economy.

In these more recent negotiations, held at the request of the Prime Minister, the railways have quite obviously been more interested in jockeying for position than to effect a fair settlement.

This is more apparent from the fact that at the last meeting just concluded, they already had a public statement prepared, setting forth their position although negotiations had not been broken off.

We are sure the employees will support the position of their representatives and will carry on the fight for a just settlement. The railways have not at any time denied they are financially able to meet the request of their employees.

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NIGHT HAWKS

WINNIPEG—(CP)—Residents of Barfield Street in the city's west end have a complaint: City workers who start at 4 a.m. keep them awake by singing, shouting and occasionally cursing. The city engineer's department promised to look into the matter.

13,500 Laid Off By Rail Strike

(By The Canadian Press)

An estimated 13,500 workers have been temporarily laid off as a direct result of the railway strike, a Canadian Press survey shows.

The jobs of 12,500 more are threatened if the walkout lasts another week.

These are in addition to the 124,000 strikers themselves and the estimated 25,000 non-striking railwaymen made idle by their colleagues' action.

Biggest single group of non-railway unemployed are 3,700 coalminers in the Crow's Nest Pass district of Alberta. Another 3,000 coalminers are idle in Nova Scotia and 2,250 nickel workers at Sudbury, Ont.

Other jobless groups: Quebec—500 employees of Canadian Arsenals Limited near Quebec City.

Ontario—300 flour-mill workers at Port Colborne, 90 gypsum-plant employees at Caledonia, 15 employees of a building-products firm in Hamilton.

Manitoba—100 to 150 packinghouse workers at Winnipeg, 150 flour-mill employees at St. Boniface.

Saskatchewan—25 packinghouse workers at Regina.

Alberta—310 flour-millers at Medicine Hat, 100 at Lethbridge, 100 glass-workers at Redcliff.

British Columbia—700 seamen at Vancouver, 800 base-metal miners at Copper Mountain, 400 loggers on Vancouver Island, 200 truckers in Vancouver and Victoria, 100 smelter workers at Trail, 350 coal-miners on Vancouver Island, 200 construction workers at Prince George.

Rail Employees' Wages Are Delayed

MONTREAL, Aug. 28—(CP)—Payment of wages owed railway employees for the first half of August will be delayed, Canadian railway companies said in a joint statement.

A railway official said later delays will run "about one or two days."

Railway employees normally are paid at the end of the month for the first two weeks' work. The companies keep two weeks behind in payment in most cases.

The statement said the majority of clerical employees who prepare the payroll and pay cheques "have been called out on strike."

Text of statement: "With some exceptions, railway employees would ordinarily be paid at the end of August for work performed in the first two weeks of August but in the majority of cases the clerical employees who prepare the payroll and pay cheques have been called out on strike and under the circumstances delay in payment of wages for work performed in the first two weeks of August is unavoidable."

Mainguy To Head Naval Squadron Cruise

PORTSMOUTH, England, Aug. 28—(CP)—Rear Admiral E. R. Mainguy, who will be flag officer commanding the Canadian special service squadron during its autumn cruise in Europe, inspected schools and establishments at this Royal Navy base.

During his stay he is to visit gunnery and torpedo schools and the submarine depot. He will leave for Londonderry, Northern Ireland, Sept. 13 and a week later will hoist his flag in the aircraft carrier Magnificent on taking command of the Canadian squadron.

The Magnificent, with the destroyers Micmac and Huron, will also make courtesy calls at many ports, including Gibraltar, Oslo, Copenhagen, Lisbon, Amsterdam and Antwerp.

Mainguy, flag officer commanding the Atlantic coast, arrived here Monday.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—(CP)—A 200-year-old muzzle loading cannon barrel about four feet long and made of brass was recently uncovered on a beach near here. The old barrel has been sent to the Museum at Ottawa.

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

AS A ROOKIE COP, GAZELLA'S BOY FRIEND WAS DECORATED FOR BRAVERY. SHE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF HIM...

FOR SUBDUING THREE ARMED BANDIT SINGLE HANDED, I, AS POLICE COMMISSIONER, BESTOW THIS CITATION...

AND TO THINK I'LL BE WALKING DOWN THE AISLE WITH THAT BRAVE HERO!

WH-WHO-M-M-M-MUH-MUH-ME? (CHATTER) I (UHP) DUH-D-D-DO (CHATTER)

THANK TO B. F. MILLER, 1062 MAIN ST., SALTINGTON, VA.

Chosen Speaker



Mr. H. C. Bohaker Unit Supervisor Sun Life Assurance Co. who has been asked to take part in a forum discussion at his company's national convention to be held in Jasper Park Lodge September 15-18th. Mr. Bohaker will deal with direct mail experiences, and business insurance in a medium sized city, as he has unusual success in this type of selling.

Early Enrollment Of Red Cross Branch

The pupils of Watervale school have organized their Junior Red Cross branch of twenty-seven members. The branch name is "Brookside Brownies" and their teacher is Miss Mary MacLeod. Schools which have a Junior Red Cross group carry on active health and citizenship programs. They also correspond with foreign countries and, in this way, their geography lessons become more interesting. Magazines, enrolment forms and newsletters are being mailed to all school secretaries this week and those who enroll earliest will receive the most benefit from such an organization.

COUNTRY GARDEN

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from seed. These plants came from expensive hand-pollinated seed sown about a year ago and I am very pleased with them.

Lavender flowers have been cut off the one small bush of lavender in this garden, but as it is difficult to winter in this garden province, it is very precious. So many sprigs have been given to garden visitors that it is a wonder there is anything left of it. Fragrance in a garden is a necessity and all fragrant flowers and leaves are treasured above all others.

Galtonia Candicans, sometimes called the "Summer Hyacinth" is now in bloom. It is a strong-growing Summer-flowering plant with Hyacinth-like spikes of bell-shaped flowers on stems up to four or five feet in height. They are very effective planted in groups in the perennial borders. It is necessary to lift them about the time the dahlias are taken in for the winter and they require the same winter care.

I have begun the cutting out of an old Philadelphus or Mock Orange as it has become very woody and old through the years and after this treatment, they are covered with crimson berries and the birds are feeding on them every day. Some of the branches of this Mock Orange are twelve to fifteen feet in height. It is a shrub that is fragrant and lovely and there are many slips from this tree in the garden.

When visitors walk through the garden gate and see the large garden there is to mow, weed and care for, they exclaim: "My there must be a great deal of work to this," and the answer is: "I love working in the garden." So here is a little verse from a writer of long ago.

There is nothing truly valuable which can be purchased without pains and labour."

—Addison.

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Further Statement

MONTREAL, Aug. 28—The railways on Sunday afternoon stated that in their statement issued Saturday evening, the railways outlined the reasons which had led them regretfully to the conclusion that a stalemate had

been reached in the negotiations, namely, that their firm and fair efforts had been rejected by the unions' negotiating committees. The railways went to the Saturday evening meetings hopefully that a new attitude would be shown by the unions and they were prepared to make the facts known to the public if those hopes were not fulfilled. The railways did not break off the discussions 'abruptly and unceremoniously' as Mr. Hall alleges. The accuracy of the charge 'that the railways were jockeying for position rather than seeking a settlement' can be judged best by the public in the light of the many concessions over and above those considered fair by the conciliation boards which the railways have offered in their efforts to satisfy the unions."

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He was halfway up the walk before she could answer. He felt childishly defrauded as he called his house from the superintendent's office. He had hardly realized how he counted on the hour in the pool with Valerie and Lucy. He was glad when he heard Chiltern's voice. Sometimes if Valerie happened to be passing when the telephone rang she answered, just in case it might be Mark.

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Marrying Mark

By VIOLETTE KIMBALL DUNN

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Mark almost put out a protesting hand as the man touched his cap and drove off. Elise was moving slowly toward his roadster, and there was nothing to do but follow her.

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"I see, sir," said Chiltern. "Thank you."

Mark almost suspected he really did see. He would not have put it past the man. He felt, as he had so often before, how ridiculous were the restrictions of caste. He knew his butler better, and certainly liked him more, than he did the majority of his so-called friends. He would have been willing to wager that Chiltern felt the same toward him. Why couldn't he tell Chiltern he was in something of a jam and ask him what to do about it? He was practically certain the man would have been able to tell him.

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Mark got in beside Elise and started his car. The wind lifted the light brim of her enormous hat, and she caught it closer. She could chauffeur and three closed cars hardly imagine a man with a driving himself to work in a two-year-old roadster, like any laborer. It was difficult to look down from under a shadowy brim with lustrous eyes when that brim surged and billowed in playful leaps that kept both her hands at her head.

Finally, as a stronger gust tilted it coyly over one ear, she took the thing off entirely, anchoring it firmly on her knees and thanking heaven for a hair net. She was struggling with a rage that included even Mark, although reason told her he had nothing to do with it. The last straw was when she looked up and found him laughing. Men seldom laughed with, and never at, Elise.

"Sorry, but you should have seen yourself," said Mark. "I mean the way you looked when we started, and the way you looked after a couple of bouts with the breeze."

Elise managed a kind of smile. "It must have been terribly funny," she agreed. She could feel the sun and wind on her face and neck. Having the kind of fine-grained skin that burns even without provocation, she knew what the excursion would cost her. She only hoped she would be able to get her money's worth.

"I suppose you're wondering why I've carried you off," she said. "I simply had to see you. And it's practically impossible to get you to myself even for a minute. Of course, I simply adore Valerie, as you know. And Miss Treadle is—well, of course she's quite stimulating—"

"Mark needed. He didn't in the least know. 'Stimulating' must be, he decided, a kind of trade word for anything you didn't care to put a name to. He was quite sure Elise had something more explicit in mind.

She hurried on without waiting for an answer. "You see, I can't beg, lure, or even abduct you to my apartment. I can't think what you're afraid of."

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